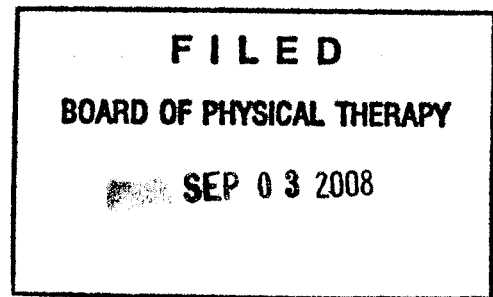


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF	:	<u>Administrative Action</u>
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<b>Rolando Lopez, P.T.</b>	:	
License NO:40QA00841900	:	CONSENT ORDER
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE	:	
PHYSICAL THERAPY IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter came before the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") upon the Board's random audit of licensed physical therapists and physical therapy assistants pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.4(d) who submitted license renewal applications to engage in the practice of physical therapy for the 2008-2010 biennial renewal period. The renewal applications submitted by licensed physical therapists and physical

therapy assistants included an acknowledgment regarding whether or not the licensees had completed thirty (30) continuing education credits during the period from February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2008 as required for the 2008-2010 biennial license renewal period pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18(a)10 and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq.

The information supplied by Rolando Lopez, P.T. (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent") in correspondence dated May 29, 2008 in response to the Board's audit is that he had not completed the thirty (30) continuing education credits required upon renewal of the license to practice physical therapy although he indicated on the renewal application form that he had completed all continuing education credits required for renewal. Respondent also stated he misinterpreted the continuing professional education requirement, and on June 24, 2008, he completed 31.5 credit hours.

Based upon all the available information reviewed, the Board has found that the respondent's conduct in failing to obtain thirty (30) continuing education credits in the period from February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2008 establishes a basis for disciplinary action as the Respondent did not meet the requirements for renewal of his license to practice physical therapy as he failed to obtain the requisite thirty (30) continuing education credits within the two years preceding the renewal period as required by N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.34(d) and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq.

It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings and waiving any right to a hearing, and the respondent acknowledging and not contesting the findings of fact and conclusion of law made by the Board; and the Board having been satisfied that the within resolution adequately protects the public health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown:

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ON THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2008

ORDERED that:

1. The Respondent's license to practice physical therapy, renewed on February 1, 2008 and in active status, will remain active as the Respondent submitted documentation that he satisfactorily completed thirty (30) continuing education credits as required by N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.34(d) and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. on or about June 24, 2008.

2. The thirty (30) continuing education credits taken as part of this action shall not qualify to fulfill the mandatory continuing education requirements for the 2010-2012 renewal period pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.2(d).

3. Respondent is cautioned in the future to obtain the requisite continuing education courses within the preceding renewal period as required by N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.34(d) and


N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. and to carefully and truthfully complete all renewal applications

4. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of **\$1000.00** for his failure to obtain the thirty (30) continuing education credits within the preceding biennial licensure renewal period.

5. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order immediately upon accepting and signing of this Consent Order and sent to the attention of Lisa Petrowski, to the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, P.O. Box 42014, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

6. Failure on the part of the respondent to pay the civil penalty timely or to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order constitutes a violation of the Order, proof of which would constitute grounds for further disciplinary action by the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD  
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

By:  O. PC 40040009100  
Nancy Kirsh, P.T., Ph.D.  
Chair

I have read and understand the within  
Consent Order and agree to be bound  
by its terms. Consent is hereby given

to the Board to enter this Order.

*Rolando Lopez* PT 40QA00841900  
Rolando Lopez, P.T.

DATED: 8-15-2008